DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Karl D. Ackerman

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security

Department of State

STATINTL FROM:

Chairman

SUBJECT:

Nomination of Chairman for Security

Advisory Group USSR

Your nomination of Mr. Maclyn H. Musser as replacement for Mr. Verne St. Mars as Chairman of the Security Advisory Group USSR is most welcome and accepted.

Mac has been known to many of us for many years in many different dimensions of security work. Our relationship has always been first rate and we have commended the Department on having such outstanding officers. I agree with you completely that he is eminently well qualified to head the Security Advisory Group. I will endorse his nomination most positively at the next meeting of the Security Committee, and I believe that Mac's excellent reputation will gain for us his unanimous acceptance.

Thank you for your proposal.

I would like to add that I am personally sorry that Verne is leaving us. He too has a long and strong association over the years and, while I wish him the very best in the future in all endeavors, I feel we will be the poorer for his absence. Please express my thanks to him for his hard work and excellent results as Chairman of the group.

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